

# Congress Will Get Science Aid From National Academy

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Congress, which has been concerned that it lacks sufficient scientific advice, has arranged for help from the National Academy of Sciences, the Nation's most distinguished body of scientists.

Word of the agreement between Congress and the Academy came yesterday from Rep. George P. Miller (D-Calif.), Chairman of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics.

Although the Academy was chartered by Congress a century ago, officials could not recall when, if ever, it had entered into a formal agreement to provide continuing advice to Congress.

During the last 100 years, the Academy has provided advice, upon request, to a number of executive offices. More recently, the Academy and its members have played an influential role in helping the White House on scientific and technical matters.

In recent months, several congressional committees and individual members of Con-

gress have expressed concern that Federal support of science was getting out of hand and that Congress was in a poor position to understand what to do about it.

One such committee is that headed by Miller, whose Subcommittee on Science, Research and Development has been holding a series of hearings to identify trouble spots in the government-science relationship. It was as a result of this Subcommittee investigation, led by its Chairman Rep. Emilio Q. Daddario (D-Conn.), that the arrangement with the Academy came about.

Yesterday, Daddario said the Academy agreement was only the first of several that his subcommittee is working

out with both private and governmental groups.

It is expected that panels of scientists appointed by the Academy will make surveys, studies and recommendations for the subcommittee, and that these, in turn, will be made available to the full Committee and Congress itself.